## Appendix B. Background Bias Estimation by $\chi^2$ -square Test.

Given the  $\chi^2$ -square test and Eq. 23 with the slope parameter a=1, we have,

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\left(G_{k} - (R_{k} + b)\right)^{2}}{\sigma_{R_{k}}^{2} + \sigma_{G_{k}}^{2}} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\left(G_{k} - (R_{k} + b)\right)^{2}}{\sigma_{SR_{k}}^{2} + \sigma_{SGk}^{2} + \sigma_{BR}^{2} + \sigma_{BG}^{2}}$$

$$= \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\left(G_{k} - (R_{k} + b)\right)^{2}}{c^{2}\mu_{R_{k}}^{2} + c^{2}\mu_{Gk}^{2} + \sigma_{BR}^{2} + \sigma_{BG}^{2}} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{\left(G_{k} - (R_{k} + b)\right)^{2}}{2c^{2}\mu_{R_{k}}^{2} + \sigma_{BR}^{2} + \sigma_{BG}^{2}}$$
(B1)

Replacing the mean in the denominator by its null-hypothesis estimator  $(R_k + G_k)/2$ , and the red and green background variances by their sample variances  $\hat{\sigma}_{BR}^2$  and  $\hat{\sigma}_{BG}^2$ , yields

$$\chi^{2} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{2(G_{k} - (R_{k} + b))^{2}}{c^{2}(R_{k} + G_{k}) + 2\hat{\sigma}_{BR}^{2} + 2\hat{\sigma}_{BG}^{2}} = \sum_{k=1}^{N} \frac{2(G_{k} - (R_{k} + b))^{2}}{w_{k}}$$
(B2)